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SUBJECT: NEW SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRALIA

1. AUSTRALIAN EMBOFF TOLD POL COUNSELOR NOVEMBER 29 THAT AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT NEW SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRALIA WILL BE ALEKSANDR VASILYEVICH BASOV. BASOV WAS MOST RECENTLY AMBASSADOR TO CHILE, HAVING DEPARTED WHEN RELATIONS WERE BROKEN. HE HAS APPARENTLY BEEN A MFA SINCE THEN AS AN AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE, BUT WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT SPECIAL DUTIES HE HAS HAD, IF ANY.

2. EMBASSY BIO FILES INDICATE FOLLOWING ON BASOV, WHO EVIDENTLY DOES NOT SPEAK ENGLISH: BORN MARCH 20, 1912. GRADUATE OF A DAIRY INSTITUTE AND EARLY CAREER WAS SPENT IN FOOD INDUSTRY. SERVED IN ROSTOV-NA-DONU PARTY APPARATUS FROM MID-FIFTIES TO EARLY SIXTIES. FROM JULY 1963 TO MARCH 1965 HE SERVED AS A "TECHNICIAN" AND LATER AS ECONOMIC COUNSELOR AT SOVIET EMBASSY IN HAVANA, APPARENTLY SUPERVISING SOVIET-CUBAN AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS. HE WAS APPOINTED SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO ROMANIA
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IN DEFEMBER 1965, SERVING UNTIL MARCH 1971, WHEN HE WAS

NAMED AMBASSADOR TO CHILE. BASOV IS ONE OF A HANDFUL OF SOVIET AMBASSADORS WHO ARE ALSO FULL CP CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS. (AMBASSADOR TO U.S. DOBRYNIN IS ANOTHER.)

3. BASOV'S APPOINTMENT TO AUSTRALIA IS SOMEWHAT UNUSUAL IN THAT HIS CAREER PATTERN (I.E. PARTY WORK AND SERVICE IN CUBA, ROMANIA AND CHILE) INDICATES HE WOULD NORMALLY SERVE IN "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES FRIENDLY TO THE USSR. WE ARE UNABLE TO DETERMINE AT THIS TIME IF REPORTED APPOINTMENT MEANS DEMOTION OF BASOV OR UP-GRADING OF CANBERRA POST IN SOVIET DIPLOMATIC FRAMEWORK, BUT WE SUSPECT THE FORMER.

4. DEPARTMENT AND OTHER POSTS MAY WISH TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL BIO DATA ON BASOV TO EMBASSY CANBERRA. STOESEL

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